

General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by: (HS)

## AN ACT CONCERNING COMPENSATION OF FAMILY CAREGIVERS IN MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, (1)
- 2 "legally responsible relative" means a spouse, parent or legal guardian
- 3 of a person enrolled in a Medicaid waiver program, and (2) "Medicaid
- 4 waiver program" means any of the three programs established under
- 5 section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act to provide home and
- 6 community-based services to clients of the Department of
- 7 Developmental Services.
- 8 (b) Not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section,
- 9 the Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the
- 10 Commissioner of Developmental Services, shall amend Medicaid
- 11 waiver programs administered by the Department of Developmental
- 12 Services to authorize, to the extent permissible under federal law,
- 13 compensation for family caregivers providing personal care assistance
- services to participants in the programs, including, but not limited to,
- 15 family caregivers who are legally responsible relatives.

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This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	New section

## Statement of Purpose:

To allow more family members of enrollees in Medicaid waiver programs administered by the Department of Developmental Services to be hired and compensated for care.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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